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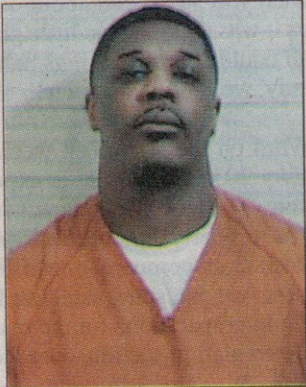
Juron Waldon pleads guilty to murder of Donta Rogers

Just over five years after Donta Jaqun Rogers of Elba was murdered, the man accused of killing him pled guilty last week in a Coffee County courtroom.

Juron Waldon appeared in the Coffee County, Elba Division, Circuit Court last Wednesday, Feb. 5, where he entered a guilty plea for one count of murder in the death of Rogers. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison for the murder charge.

Rogers was killed by gunshot in January 2020 in Elba.

According to court records, Waldon will receive 525 days of jail credit for the time he spent behind bars following his initial arrest.



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Federal judge sides with City of Elba recommending dismissal of lawsuit filed by former police chief

A federal magistrate judge last week recommended the dismissal of a lawsuit filed by former Elba Police Chief Harold "Troy" Staley against the City of Elba.

Court records indicate Staley's sought \$5 million from the city as he claimed Elba's elected leaders unfairly targeted him for termination. He said he was falsely accused of not enforcing traffic laws and that the city claimed he

acted unprofessionally. Staley was terminated from the Chief of Police position in Elba in 2023.

"Staley's complaint is a shotgun pleading that falls woefully short of the federal pleading standards," U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen M. Doyle wrote in his dismissal recommendation this week.

Another judge will issue the final ruling on this matter.

Area Happenings

The Elba City Council and Water and Electric Board will hold a joint work session Monday, March 10, beginning at 4:30 p.m., at All In Credit Union, 402 Collier St., Elba, to tour the facility. Work sessions are open to the public to attend.



Members of the Elba Lions Club met Tuesday, Jan. 27, with Lori Shortt, Zone 7 Chair from the Geneva Lions Club visiting. She enlightened the members of ways to build membership by encouraging the generation that is missing, the younger generation. According to Shortt, one way is to invite the younger generation and tell them about what the Lions Club represents. Elba Lions Club members are pictured above with Shortt.

NOTICE:

An Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) resurfacing project on US-84 in Coffee County was scheduled to begin Wednesday, Feb. 12, weather permitting. The project includes resurfacing on US-84 from Lawrence Drive in New Brockton to Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise.

Motorists should expect lane closures and reduced speed limits. The project is expected to be completed in summer.



EMERGENCY PERSONNEL IN ELBA responded to the scene of this two-vehicle accident Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 11, just prior to 1 p.m. in Elba. The accident was at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84 and Alabama Hwy. 87. Officials on scene said it appeared the driver of the overturned Jeep SUV failed to stop at the intersection's stop sign while traveling east on Hwy. 84. The driver of the Dodge minivan was attempting to cross the intersection traveling north on Hwy. 87 at the same time the Jeep ran through the stop sign. The two vehicles collided and the Jeep overturned as a result of the collision. No injuries were reported from this accident, but EMS personnel did evaluate all involved while on scene.

Beacon of Hope ABA promotes autism awareness in Elba

Beacon of Hope ABA provides exceptional services to individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Since opening the clinic in Elba, in April 2024, the staff has been committed to making a positive impact on the lives of our clients and their families.

"Currently, we proudly serve 21 families in the area, offering personalized Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy to help our clients achieve their full potential," said Megan Legg, lead RBT and student analyst at

Beacon of Hope's Elba location. "Our mission extends beyond therapy sessions. We actively participate in community events and organize

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Lk Hunter, BCaBA for Beacon of Hope, emphasizes the importance of dissemination in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).

"Our mission is to spread awareness about autism and ABA, and one effective way to achieve this is by hosting community event," Hunter said. "Engaging with the community and promoting these events is crucial. We have been fortunate to receive tremendous support from the Elba community. We have actively participated in numerous local events and look for-

ward to continuing our involvement in future community activities."

Autism spectrum disorder is a developmental condition characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and non-verbal communication. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 1 in 36 children in the United States is diagnosed with ASD. Autism affects individuals across all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups, and it is nearly four times more common among boys

than girls. Early intervention and tailored support can significantly improve outcomes for individuals with autism. Legg shared her thoughts on the significance of hosting events like the Autism Prom for the autism community.

"Elba and the surrounding communities have been incredibly supportive of Beacon and its services. It's crucial to provide these services in rural areas where clients and their families might otherwise not receive the support they need," she said. "We are excited to host the Autism Prom here in Elba. Prom is an event many of us take for granted, assuming everyone will have the opportunity to attend. However, that's not always the case for the neurodivergent community. This prom offers a chance for everyone to experience this special milestone."

Beacon of Hope ABA will host an Autism Prom Celebration on April 18, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Elba Theater, located at 231 Court Avenue. This special event is open to all autistic individuals in the area and their families. Admission is free, and attendees are encouraged to dress in formal attire or their Sunday best.

The Autism Prom Celebration aims to provide a memorable and inclusive experience for everyone. It will be a night filled with dancing, laughter, and joy, creating lasting memories for our community.

If interested in sponsoring the prom or donating to this cause, contact us at 334-494-4087 or 334-378-9360.

Shelby DiPilla, founder of Beacon of Hope, highlights the unique significance of hosting an Autism Prom in Southeast Alabama.

"While autism proms are held in various parts of the country, there hasn't been one in Southeast Alabama until now," she said. "Our event is all-inclusive, welcoming individuals of all ages. We aim to create a memorable experience that accommodates sensory needs, ensuring everyone feels comfortable and included. Many people with autism don't have the opportunity to attend a traditional prom, so this event is a significant chance for them to enjoy such a special occasion. We are committed to making this prom an unforgettable experience for all attendees."



The Elba Parks and Recreation 8u basketball teams competed last weekend in the league tournament. The Elba 8u teams for boys and girls finished as tournament runner-up winners. The tourney champs were the teams from Kinston. Above, the Elba Boys 8u players and coaches are shown with their runner up plaque following last Saturday's tournament. Coaches were Clarence Lane and Mark Wicker.

EDITORIAL

SB67 will give us veterans a stronger voice

*Op-Ed Article by
Jae Barclay*

Veterans in Alabama have an opportunity. It is an opportunity to have a stronger voice and a seat at the table. It is an opportunity for every Alabama veteran, not just a few. These are a few key factors that stand out to my family and me about SB67, a bill in the legislature that would restructure the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA).

For years, we have asked for the ADVA to have a true seat at the table when it comes to decisions regarding the veteran community of our state. Now, Governor Ivey and members of the legislature have a proposal to elevate the commissioner to a cabinet level position. I can't think of a better way for veterans to have a true advocate in Montgomery.

By having direct collaboration with other cabinet agencies and having a seat alongside the legislative and judicial branches, it greatly amplifies our story. To have others come alongside us in making Alabama the most veteran friendly state in nation, we must have advocates outside our own veteran community.

Alabama is currently one of only six states where the Governor does not directly appoint the state's veterans affairs leader. Our lawmakers can change that by passing this legislation.

In addition to elevating the ADVA commissioner position, the proposed legislation would make important changes to the State Board of Veterans Affairs. Some say change is not needed, but I disagree. It's important to take a step back and look at the facts.

Our current board does not represent all of the veterans in our state. In fact, the current board is representative of less than 25 percent of our overall veteran population. We now have a chance to give our 400,000 plus Alabama veterans – myself and my family included – a more inclusive voice.

This ensures no matter which organization board members represent, they will all represent Alabama veterans and their families. This comprehensive voice will also offer flexibility as the needs and priorities of our state's veteran population evolve.

I am no legislator, but it is important to let the

following words from the proposed legislation fully resonate: "Appointments to the board shall be representative of the entirety of the state's veteran community. Board members should include veterans from various branches of the Armed Forces of the United States and service eras (including active-duty service members) and consist of both members and nonmembers of veteran service organizations. Board members should also represent entities that provide meaningful services to the veterans and their families. The Governor shall coordinate his or her appointments to assure that the membership of the board is inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state's veteran community."

To me the choice is simple. This bill gives veterans a real seat at the table – the status quo does not. This bill makes our board representative of all veterans – the status quo does not. This bill means greater accountability, centralized leadership, stronger influence, increased resources and broader visibility for

the issues facing Alabama veterans.

It's time to openly recognize that we have a real opportunity here—and that we have true advocates in Governor Kay Ivey and our Legislature. These men and women were elected to do hard things, make tough decisions, and when necessary, make important changes. They understand the perspectives needed at the decision-making table to amplify the needs Alabama veterans and our families.

My family and I are proud to call Alabama home. So, as a veteran, a husband, a father and an Alabamian, I am urging our legislators to pass SB67 to restructure ADVA and give veterans and our families an even stronger voice.

*** Jae Barclay is a retired Army Captain, who served with the 10th Mountain Division and deployed to Afghanistan. He was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. Jae also has the Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Ranger Tab. He is a native of Scottsboro, Alabama and currently resides with his family in Huntsville, Alabama.*

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

The Elba 8u basketball teams represented the Elba Parks and Recreation last Saturday in Kinston at the league's end of season tournament. We attended the event, and were proud of the way the children playing the game handled themselves throughout the day. That cannot necessarily be said for all adults, but that is not the purpose of this windy thought. While watching the 8u girls play in their championship game, there was one player on the Elba team that captivated us. It was not her jump shot nor her ball dribbling ability that caught our eye. No. It was the smile she carried on her face the entire time. It did not matter whether she made a goal or she got called for a travel... regardless of what was happening overall in the game, this little one kept a smile on her face the entire time! That was the best part of the entire day for us...watching that one little girl have the experience all should be having when either playing or watching youth sport... One might ask what was so special about one little girl's smile. Well...for us it was that this one little girl was there to have fun! If we all could approach things in the same manner as this young lady, we'd all be happier!!

Word on the street last week was that the property along Hwy 203 in Elba that is expected to one day be the location of a Jack's Restaurant has sold. Yep! That's correct. The property has been closed on and the Jack's Family Restaurant company now officially owns property in Elba. Now, we can start watching for the dirt to begin moving in preparations for the restaurant to be constructed! We are so glad to see this come to fruition for Elba.

During the Elba City Council meeting Monday night, Mayor Tom Maddox said that his office has yet to hear anything from state folks on a reopening date for the Coffee County Lake. However, he said it was his understanding that Coffee County employees have been on the property doing some clean up work, etc. hopefully in preparations for a reopening one day. Let's all hope that is sooner rather than later, but as we understand it, the city and county folks are at the mercy of the state folks in knowing when or how soon that may be.

As we are writing this column for the week, the Elba Lady Tigers are in Montgomery competing in the high school basketball tournament for Class 1A. The Lady Tigers had posted on win in the south regional to advance. This is a talented group of young ladies, and we hope by the time we visit you again here next week, they are still winning! Good luck Lady Tigers!

No official vote has been taken as of yet, but it appears the City of Elba may be headed towards contracting its garbage services with an outside provider. We can see positives and negatives on both sides of that debate, but the one thing we always look at is operational costs of the equipment. Our father's auto mechanics background ensured that we knew more than the average person about the upkeep of a vehicle, and it takes a lot of money to keep garbage trucks up and running, especially for a city the size of Elba. Good 'ole dad has never been a fan of 'in-house' garbage pickup for the city. He has always said it just is not cost effective. We tend to agree with him. The city council is expected to take a vote on the matter potentially at its next regular council meeting. So, some changes may be coming our way on that front. That meeting is scheduled for Feb. 24th at city hall beginning at 5:30 p.m.



Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Little Bean celebrated her fifth birthday last Thursday! Cuzin Lou Lou and the Gang cannot believe the little monster has reached a whole handful already!!

It certainly has been an adventure to the little monster too! It would not have been a true Yonder Gang celebration if the birthday girl did not get spoiled a bit on her big day...so, it was a home-cooked meal for Little Bean last Thursday evening.

Lou Lou will admit that Bean did not receive her 'favorite' steak for supper that night. The little one is very fond of ribeye, but on this night she had to 'settle' for the meat from a t-bone instead (those were on sale and Lou Lou loves a good sale). Of course, once the plate of steak was placed in front of Bean, she had no trouble 'lowering her standards' for the t-bone, and she gobbled up her birthday meal before Lou Lou could even get a good cut on her steak!

After supper, it was time to sing Happy Birthday to the little monster. Papa and Sister chimed in to sing to Little Bean before she was allowed to enjoy a birthday cupcake! Again, the consumption process was handled in record time.

The little monster was enjoying her spoiling so much that evening that she even gave Lou Lou those begging eyes just long enough that she later shared a bite of her banana pudding too! Lou Lou was convinced she was safe from having to share the banana pudding because the little monster generally does not touch anything "banana" but that was not the case on this birthday night!

Oh well, Lou Lou probably didn't need to eat it all by herself anyway. But, she sure was trying to get away with it. Little Bean just didn't follow the plan. Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Feb 4, 2025, through Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Feb. 4 – Animal complaint reported at 892 Cedar Lane Dr (3:37 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1600 Martin Luther King Dr (7:43 a.m.); Shoplifting

Wednesday, Feb. 5 –

Thursday, Feb. 6 –

Friday, Feb. 7 –

Saturday, Feb. 8 –

Sunday, Feb. 9 –

Monday, Feb. 10 –

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reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (7:59 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 252 Larkin Rd (3:27 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1578 Powell Circle – w/impound (3:37 p.m.); Trespassing/Unwanted Guest reported at 1710 Jones St (8:35 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, and two verbal warnings.

Wednesday, Feb. 5 –

Suspicious vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (1:11 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 63 County Rd 355 (8:33 a.m.); Burglary reported at 435 Newton St (11:00 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1152 Neil Grantham Dr (12:42 p.m.); Trespassing/Unwanted Guest reported at 745 Williams Ave S (2:05 p.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 1770 Hickman Ave (5:51 p.m.); Trespassing/Unwanted Guest reported at 890 Cedar Lane Dr (6:12 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in verbal warnings.

Thursday, Feb. 6 –

Criminal mischief reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (5:10 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (6:20 a.m.). No traffic stops recorded on this date.

Friday, Feb. 7 –

Suspicious vehicle reported at 348 Tucker Ave (4:45 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 417 Cordelia Ave N (5:23 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 417 Davis St W (9:25 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 979 Johnson St (9:43 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Reese Ave (1:24 p.m.); Assault reported in area of Jones St and Jackson Ave (4:48 p.m.); Reckless

driver reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 (6:19 p.m.); Gunshot victim reported on Kendrick St (8:42 p.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 6036 County Rd 364 (10:14 p.m.). Thirteen traffic stops resulted in nine written warnings, and four verbal warnings.

Saturday, Feb. 8 –

Suspicious person reported at 1637 Jones St (12:06 p.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 509 Claxton Ave N (12:22 p.m.); Trespassing/Unwanted Guest reported at 1950 Reese Ave (6:59 p.m.). Twelve traffic stops resulted in seven written warnings, three verbal warnings, and two citations.

Sunday, Feb. 9 –

Suspicious person reported at 1280 Hwy 203 – w/arrest (11:16 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 120 County Rd 203 (2:01 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1035 Morrow Ave – w/citation issued (5:41 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, and two citations.

Monday, Feb. 10 –

Animal complaint reported at 996 Morrow Ave – w/impound (8:06 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 726 Williams Ave S (1:29 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 312 Claxton Ave N (6:09 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr (4:31 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in five written warnings, two verbal warnings, and one citation.

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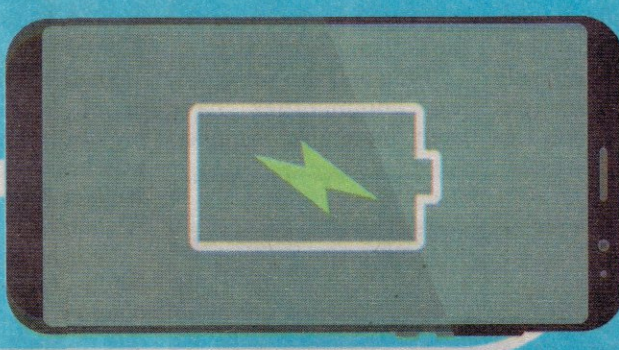
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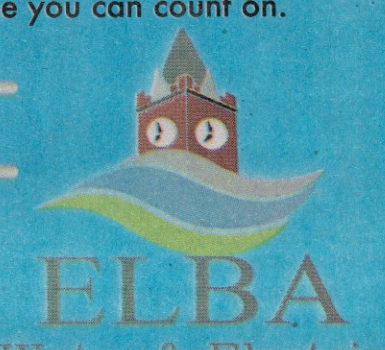
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Lonzo Cooks 2/11
Trenton Hamilton 2/11
Wiley Brooks 2/12
Jackie Brunson
Crittenden 2/13
Regina K. Kyles 2/13

Celebrating Black History month, giving Honor to distinguished History makers during the month of February, beginning this week by honoring Kenneth B. Clark (1914-2005.) Part 1

Just as God raised up men and women of Promise in the first century to speak for Him, the dark days of America history show that God also had some "called-out ones" during this period as well. In the middle and later part of the 20th century, as an educator and psychologist, Dr. Kenneth B. Clark definitely walked in these shoes. Kenneth was born in 1914 in the Panama Canal zone to middle-class parents. He later moved with his mother to Harlem in New York City. Where he attended public school. Dr. Kenneth Clark was the first African American to earn a doctorate in Psychology at Columbia and to hold a permanent professorship at city college of New York. His wife, Mamie Phipps Clark, was also a first in her field, as the first African American woman and the sec-

ond African American (after her husband) in Columbia University's history to receive a doctorate of Psychology. As a graduate student at Howard University, Mamie had been studying self-perception in black children. While she was there, she met, married, and started collaborating with Kenneth. Both did the study showing that black children preferred to play with white dolls over black dolls. They concluded that this was because these children had a poor self-image. Kenneth used this study in 1950 to show that school segregation not only marred the development of black students, but white students as well. Part 2 of this Article on Kenneth B. Clark will be in next week edition of the Elba Clipper.

Question/Answers Section

Thoughts to Remember You can do the most good for God right where you are. God use trails in our lives to build us up, not to tear us down. For every minute you remain angry you give up sixty seconds of peace of mind.

Questions for the week of 2-13-2025 Answer the questions – Use your concordance

(Q) What charge did some in the church at Jerusalem, bring against Peter when they learned he had evangelized Gentiles.

(Q) What happened in the home of Gentile Cornelius that showed that God approved Peter's actions?

Today is a good day! Be grateful!
Eria's daughter, Sue

NANCY ELAINE HALL
Mrs. Nancy Elaine Hall, age 69, of Jack, Ala., died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025, at her residence.



A memorial service will be held Friday, Feb. 14, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., with Rev. Buddy Hood officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Visitation will be at Victoria Baptist Church on Friday, from 12 noon until 1 p.m.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Milfred and Ellawayne Head, and her husband, Ricky Hall.

Survivors her sister: Jane (Russell) Gunter; step-daughters: Kathie Dean, and Casey Dean; niece: Sandi (Jeff) Garvin; nephew: Rusty (Blair) Gunter; great-nieces: Hannah Garvin, and Jillian Gunter; and great-nephew: Evan Garvin.

PEGGY JOYCE GOODSON BOHANNON
Mrs. Peggy Joyce Goodson Bohannon, age 90, of Florala, Ala., died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025.



Peggy was born in Elba, Ala. on June 29, 1934, to the late Comer Crawford and Rena Bell Barbaree Goodson. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Howard Bohannon; one brother, Clayton Goodson.

Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, in the chapel of Warren Holloway Ward Funeral Home in Geneva, Ala., with Rev. Donnie Earles officiating.

Obituaries

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ing. Burial followed in the Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Elba, with Warren Holloway Ward Funeral Home of Geneva directing.

Survivors include one daughter: Deloris Welch, Walterboro, S.C.; one son: Billy Goodson (Jackie), Samson, Ala.; grandchildren: Holly Leonard (Dean), Brenda Lee Workman, Julia "Sissy" Workman, Danny R. Workman, Denver "Denny" Workman, and Jason Stanley; two great-grandsons: Dylan Leonard and Hunter Leonard; two great-great grandchildren: Cooper Leonard and Magnolia "Maggie" Bell Leonard; three nieces: Olivia Bryant, Karen Roundtree and Jane Goodson; and one nephew, AL Goodson.

RACHEL BARBAREE

Mrs. Rachel Barbaree, age 79, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025, at Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Dothan, Ala.



Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Bruce Williams and Rev. Alan Dieas officiating. Burial followed in the New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family requests that memorials be made to the New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Beth Henderson 4768 County Road 410, Elba, AL 36323.

Rachel was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Lee Barbaree, by her parents, Lenora and Carlton Reeves, as well as a brother, Larry Reeves.

Survivors include her sons: Chan Barbaree (Tammy), Elba, Chad Barbaree (Casey), New Brockton, Ala.; grandchildren: Shelby Barbaree, Elba, Evan Smith (Caroline), Samson, Ala., Dylan Smith (Emily), Elba, Aidan Smith (Meghan), Enterprise, Ala., Chance Barbaree, Elba, Zane Barbaree, New

Brockton, and Sadie Barbaree, New Brockton; great-grandsons: Leighton Smith, Enterprise, Waylon Smith, Samson; three sisters: Linda Farris, and Cathy Odom, both of Elba, and Judy Johnson, New Brockton; and a brother: Billy Reeves, Elba.

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Mend a Broken Heart Month
February can be a trying time for those who have experienced a loss. And while for most, February has other more symbolic meanings, it is also Mend a Broken Heart Month. In the spirit of mending broken hearts, here are a few ways to cope with the grief of a lost loved one.
For those who have experienced a recent loss, the prospect of going out and dating again can seem scary and even disrespectful to their lost partner. There are plenty of dating groups both community and online that specialize in helping widows and widowers find love again after a loss. These groups often provide both emotional support and physical activities to encourage those who are bereaved to mingle and grow together past their grief.
If your grief is still too recent, there are projects that can help ease the pain of loss. If your lost beloved had a favorite shirt or sweater that you don't mind parting with: try adding some pillow filler to the garment and sew up the sleeves and the neck. The completed pillow can now provide some comfort, as if your lost loved has never truly left.
If there was a cause you and your lost loved one supported together: try donating your time or energy to the same cause to honor their legacy. If there was not a cause you and your loved one shared, there are plenty of other causes that are doing great work during the month of February. In addition to Mend a Broken Heart Month, February is also Women's Heart Health Month. Those causes can be supported by donating blankets to those in need, winter coats to the homeless or donating time to visit the lonely in hospice care centers or local nursing homes and hospitals.
This February, take some time to try and mend a broken heart: be it yours or someone else's. Know you are not alone and things will improve.
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY BARTOW DELL, DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2025-009

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Jerry Bartow Dell, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of January, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred./s/ Bart Sands
Bart Sands
Personal Representative of said Estate
1/30,2/6&13-pd.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE ESTATE OF: Joe C. Cassidy, Jr., Deceased.
Case 71-CV-2021-900047**NOTICE OF HEARING** Please take notice that a Petition for Final Settlement of the Estate of Joe C. Cassidy Jr. has been filed and a hearing on said Petition for Final Settlement has been set on the 3rd day of March, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom D of the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Enterprise Division.
/s/ Joe Calvin Cassidy III
Joe Calvin Cassidy III
Personal Representative of Estate
1/30,2/6&13-pd.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To Joe Mavis Ezell, all heirs and all others who may have interest in the subject property known as parcel number: 0908284014003000, property address, 203 South Jordan Street, Samson, Alabama 36477, whose present whereabouts are unknown, the City Council of Samson, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on the 18th day of March, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. to address the nuisance property, dilapidated building and/or structure and make a decision for repairs to be made or above described property to be demolished or removed.
2/6,13&20-chg.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To Earnest W. Lamar, all heirs and any others who may have interest in the subject property known as parcel number: 34 09 08 28 4 019 012.000, property address, 216 South Ripley Street, Samson, Alabama 36477, whose present whereabouts are unknown, the City Council of Samson, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on the 18th day of March, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. to address the nuisance property, dilapidated building and/or structure and make a decision for repairs to be made or above described property to be demolished or removed.
2/6,13&20-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DOROTHY O'MALLEY ROBERTS, DECEASED.
CASE NO.: PR-2024-221

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters Testamentary and under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to Robby Stanley on the 21st day of January, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama; notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or thesame will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of ProbateRicky Hollingsworth, Jr. (HOL094)
Attorney for Petitioner
Post Office Box 311662
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2/6,13&20-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF JAMES F COBB, DECEASED
CASE NO. 24-842

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Lori Barefield on December 9, 2024, and that 30 days after the publication hereof and pursuant to law, the Court shall enter an Order Directing Summary Distribution of the estate of said Decedent.
Done this the 10th day of December, 2024.
/s/ Toby Seay
Toby Seay
Judge of ProbateR. Bruce Hall, Attorney
Post Office Box 1748
Dothan, Alabama 36302
(334) 793-3610 telephone
bruce@hallandbell.com
2/6,13&20-pd.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment shall be made:

Synopsis: This bill would allow municipalities in Coffee County to contract with the sheriff for police services, authorize the sheriff and his or her deputies to enforce all laws within such municipality's jurisdiction, require payment for such services to the County Commission for any such contract, allow for sums received under any such contract to be expended for services provided under such contract, and extend the constitutional immunity afforded to the sheriff and his or her deputies to actions performed under any such contract.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Relating to Coffee County; to authorize any municipality in Coffee County to contract with the sheriff for police services, to authorize the sheriff and his or her deputies to enforce all laws within such municipality's jurisdiction, to provide for payment for such services and the use of such funds, and the extend the constitutional immunity afforded to the sheriff and his or her deputies to actions performed pursuant to any such contract.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Any municipality within Coffee County may contract for police services with the sheriff of the county. The contract may include the enforcement by the sheriff and his or her deputies of all laws within the corporate limits and police jurisdiction of the municipality, including municipal ordinances and the arrest or citation of any offenders, as if the sheriff and his or her deputies were duly constituted police officers of the municipality.
(b) A municipality entering into a contract with the sheriff for police services shall pay to the county general fund a sum sufficient to provide the necessary manpower and equipment as mutually agreed upon by the municipal governing body, the sheriff of the county, and the county commission.
(c) The county commission shall receive from the municipality the funds paid under the contract for police services and may expend funds for police services in

the contracting municipality, including the police jurisdiction of the municipality.

(d) Each contract between the sheriff and the contracting municipality shall be with the consent and approval of the sheriff and the county commission.

(e) The sheriff and his or her duly commissioned deputies shall retain the legal and constitutional immunity afforded to each of them by law in the performance of any duties pursuant to any contract with a municipality.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.
2/13,20,27&3/6-chg.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment shall be made:

Synopsis: This bill would require the Judge of Probate of Coffee County to be an attorney licensed in the State of Alabama.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Relating to Coffee County; to require the Judge of Probate of Coffee County to be an attorney licensed in the State of Alabama.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Any person elected or appointed as the Judge of Probate of Coffee County after the effective date of this act shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Alabama.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.
2/13,20,27&3/6-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF: IBELLE WHITMAN OGGES
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC-2025-008

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of February 2024 by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.Witness my hand this the 4th day of February, 2025./s/ Valarie Ann Woods
Personal Representative
/s/ Matt Brunson
Matt Brunson
Attorney for the Estate
2/13,20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Nancy C. Brunson, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC-2025-007

NOTICE

Letters of Testamentary on the estate of said deceased, NANCY C. BRUNSON, having been granted to MARION BAILEY BRUNSON, JR. and CHARLES MATTHEW BRUNSON, SR. on the 4th day of February 2025, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
Done this the 4th day of February, 2025,
/s/ Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
2/13,20,27-pd

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KINSTON, ALABAMA, REQUESTING LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE PHOTOGRAPHIC STATIONARY SPEED DETECTION DEVICES ALONG STATE HIGHWAY 52.**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Kinston, Alabama, recognizes the paramount importance of ensuring the safety and well-being of its citizens and visitors; and WHEREAS, the Town Council acknowledges that speeding along State Highway 52 within the corporate limits of Kinston poses a significant threat to the safety of pedestrians and motorists; and WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that effective speed enforcement is crucial for deterring speeding and promoting adherence to posted speed limits; and WHEREAS, the Town of Kinston, like many municipalities, is currently experiencing a shortage of law enforcement officers, making comprehensive speed enforcement a significant challenge; and WHEREAS, budgetary constraints further limit the Town's ability to dedicate additional resources to traditional speed enforcement methods; and WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that existing enforcement methods are insufficient to adequately address the pervasive issue of speeding along State Highway 52 within the town, especially given the current staffing and budgetary limitations; and WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to explore and implement innovative solutions to enhance speed enforcement and improve community safety specifically along State Highway 52; and WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that the utilization of photographic stationary speed detection devices offers a promising approach to achieving these objectives, particularly in light of the aforementioned challenges; and WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to seek authorization from the Alabama State Legislature to implement such devices along State Highway 52 and enforce speed limits through civil penalties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KINSTON, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Town Council hereby acknowledges and affirms the critical need for enhanced speed enforcement along State Highway 52 within the Town of Kinston for the purpose of protecting the safety and welfare of the community. This need is further amplified by the current shortage of law enforcement officers and budgetary constraints which hinder traditional enforcement efforts.

SECTION 2. The Town Council unanimously requests that the Alabama State Legislature enact legislation authorizing the Town of Kinston to install and operate photographic stationary speed detection devices along State Highway 52 within its corporate limits.

SECTION 3. The Town Council further requests that such legislation empower the Town of Kinston to enforce violations of posted speed limits detected by these photographic devices through the imposition of civil penalties, the specifics of which may be determined by ordinance of the Town.

SECTION 4. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the appropriate members of the Alabama State Legislature representing the Town of Kinston, and to the Governor of Alabama.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this the 6 day of February, 2025.

/s/ Bill Reichardt
Mayor
/s/ Cindy Johnson
Town Clerk
SEAL

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT
Relating to the Town of Kinston, Alabama, in Coffee County; authorizing automated speeding enforcement on State Highway 52 in the Town of Kinston as a civil violation; authorizing the town to adopt a municipal ordinance consistent with this act; providing certain procedures to be followed by using automated photographic speeding enforcement; providing that the owner of the vehicle involved is presumptively liable for a civil violation and the payment of a civil fine, but providing procedures to contest liability; providing for jurisdiction in the Kinston Municipal Court over the civil violations and allowing appeals to the Coffee County Circuit Court for trial de novo; creating a cause of action for any person held responsible for payment of the civil fine against the person who was actually operating a vehicle while speeding; and prohibiting the tampering with automated speeding enforcement devices or equipment systems, except by authorized persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1.
(a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Kinston Speed Limit Safety Act."
(b) The Town of Kinston, Alabama, by municipal ordinance, may adopt the procedures set out in this act.

Section 2. As used in this act, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) **CIVIL FINE.** The monetary amount assessed by the Town of Kinston pursuant to this act for an adjudication of civil liability for a speeding violation, including municipal court costs associated with the infraction.

(2) **CIVIL VIOLATION.** A noncriminal category of law called a civil violation created and existing for the sole purpose of carrying out the terms of this act. The penalty for violation of a civil violation shall be the payment of a civil fine, the enforceability of which shall be accomplished through civil action. The prosecution of a civil violation created hereby shall carry reduced evidentiary requirements and burden of proof as set out in this act, and in no event shall an adjudication of liability for a civil violation be punishable by a criminal fine or imprisonment.

(3) **OWNER.** The owner of a motor vehicle as shown on the motor vehicle registration records of the Alabama Department of Revenue or the analogous department or agency of another state or country. The term shall not include a motor vehicle rental or leasing company when a motor vehicle registered by the company is rented or leased

to another person under a rental or lease agreement with the company, in which event "owner" shall mean the person to whom the vehicle is rented or leased; nor shall the term include motor vehicles displaying dealer license plates, in which event "owner" shall mean the individual to whom the vehicle is assigned for use; nor shall the term include the owner of any stolen motor vehicle, in which event "owner" shall mean the individual who is guilty of stealing the motor vehicle.

(4) **PHOTOGRAPHIC SPEEDING ENFORCEMENT or AUTOMATED SPEEDING ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM.** A camera system which is designed and installed to work in conjunction with an electrically operated speed detection device synchronized to automatically record digital imaging of a motor vehicle while speeding. The device shall be capable of producing at least two recorded images, at least one of which is capable of clearly depicting the license plate of a motor vehicle that is speeding.

(5) **SPEEDING VIOLATION.** Any violation of a motor vehicle at a speed that exceeds 10 miles per hour over the legal maximum speed limits presented in or adopted pursuant to Article 8, Chapter 5A, Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975; provided, however, that speed limits set by action of the Kinston Town Council as found in the municipal code of the Town of Kinston shall supersede the limits set in Article 8, Chapter 5A, Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975. A speeding violation shall be a civil violation as defined in this act.

(6) **TOWN.** The Town of Kinston, Alabama.

(7) **TRAINED TECHNICIAN.** A sworn law enforcement officer employed by the Town of Kinston, who alternatively:

a. Is a professional engineer in the field of civil engineering; or

b. Has received instruction and training in the proper use of the automated photographic speeding enforcement system to be used by the town's traffic engineer or his or her designee; or

c. Has been trained by the vendor installing the equipment. Under no circumstances shall the salary or other compensation of the trained technician be related to the number of notices of violation issued or amount of fines collected.

Section 3. (a) The Town of Kinston is authorized to use an automated photographic speeding enforcement system to detect and record speeding violations on State Highway 52 in the town limits, to issue notices of civil violations by mail, and to prosecute civil violations for the recorded speeding violations which may occur on State Highway 52 in the corporate limits of the Town of Kinston as provided in this act. A civil fine assessed under this act shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100), and municipal court costs may be assessed in the same manner and in the same amounts prescribed for municipal criminal speeding violations prosecuted as a misdemeanor. An additional fee of ten dollars (\$10) shall be added to the Kinston Municipal Court costs authorized to be collected in connection with notices issued under this act. Court costs collected pursuant to this act shall be distributed in the same manner as prescribed by law for the distribution of municipal court costs for misdemeanor violations. The additional ten dollars (\$10) authorized by this act shall be paid to the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center as compensation for recordkeeping with respect to speeding violation notices issued pursuant to this act.

(b) If an ordinance is adopted for automated speeding enforcement, the Town of Kinston shall cause a sign to be posted at each of a minimum of five roadway entry points to the town to provide motorists with notice that automated photographic speeding enforcement systems are in use. The sign shall comply with this requirement if it states substantially the following: "AUTOMATED CAMERAS USED IN SPEEDING ENFORCEMENT," or if it otherwise gives sufficient notice.

(c) Prior to operating such an enforcement system, the Town of Kinston shall make a public announcement and conduct a public awareness campaign of the use of an automated photographic speeding enforcement system a minimum of 30 days before using the devices. The Town of Kinston may place photographic speeding enforcement systems at locations without public notice of the specific location, may change locations without public notice, and may install and move as needed decoy devices designed to resemble photographic speeding enforcement systems.

(d) The town shall post signs warning of the use of an automated photographic device for speeding enforcement within 60 yards of every speed detection device used. Each sign shall be placed at least five feet from the edge of the road or street and shall be placed not lower than two feet and not higher than eight feet.

Section 4. (a) Prior to imposing a civil penalty pursuant to this act, the Town of Kinston shall first mail a notice of violation by certified U.S. mail, return receipt, to the owner of the motor vehicle which is recorded by the automated photographic speeding enforcement system that committed a speeding violation. The notice shall be sent not later than the 30th day after the date the speeding violation is recorded to the following:

(1) The owner's address as shown on the registration records of the Alabama Department of Revenue.

(2) If the vehicle is registered in another state or country, to the owner's address as shown on the motor vehicle registration records of the department or agency of the other state or country analogous to the Alabama Department of Revenue.

(3) If a traffic violation is based on the vehicle identification number, and the registered owner of the vehicle is a rental car business, the law enforcement agency, before issuing a notice of violation, shall provide a written notice to the rental car business that a notice of violation to the rental car business if the rental car business does not, within 30 days of receiving written notice, provide to the issuing agency by return mail a statement under oath stating the name and known mailing address of the individual driving or rent-

ing the vehicle when the violation occurred.

(b) A notice of violation issued under this act shall contain all of the following:

(1) Description of the speeding violation alleged.

(2) The date, time, and location of the violation.

(3) A copy of recorded images of the vehicle involved in the violation.

(4) The amount of the civil penalty to be imposed for the violation.

(5) The date by which the civil penalty must be paid.

(6) A statement that the person named in the notice of violation may pay the civil penalty in lieu of appearing at an administrative adjudication hearing.

(7) Information that informs the person named in the notice of violation of the following:

a. The right to contest the imposition of the civil penalty in an administrative adjudication.

b. The manner and time in which to contest the imposition of the civil penalty.

c. That failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability is an admission of liability.

(8) A statement that a recorded image is evidence in a proceeding for the imposition of a civil penalty.

(9) A statement that failure to pay the civil penalty within the time allowed shall result in the imposition of a late penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(10) Any other information deemed necessary by the town.

(c) A notice of violation under this act is presumed to have been received on the 10th day after the date the notice of violation is placed in the U.S. mail.

(d) The civil penalty imposed shall be paid within 30 days of the 10th day after the date the notice of violation is mailed.

(e) It shall be within the discretion of the trained technician to determine which of the recorded speeding violations are prosecuted based upon the quality and legibility of the recorded image. In lieu of issuing a notice of violation, the town may mail a warning notice to the owner during the initial warning period.

Section 5. (a) The Kinston Municipal Court is vested with the power and jurisdiction to hear and adjudicate the civil violations provided for in this act and to issue orders imposing the civil fines and costs set out in this act.

(b) A person who receives a notice of violation may contest the imposition of the civil fine by submitting a written request for a hearing on the adjudication of the civil violation within 15 days of the 10th day after the date the notice of violation is mailed. Upon receipt of a timely request, the town shall notify the person of the date and time of the adjudicative hearing by U.S. mail.

(c) Failure to pay a civil penalty or to contest liability in a timely manner is an admission of liability in the full amount of the civil fine assessed in the notice of violation.

(d) The civil fine shall not be assessed if, after a hearing, the Kinston Municipal Judge enters a finding of no liability.

(e) If an adjudicative hearing is requested, the town shall have the burden of proving the speeding violation by a preponderance of the evidence. The reliability of the automated photographic speeding enforcement system used to produce the recorded image of the violation may be attested to affidavit of a trained technician. An affidavit of a trained technician that alleges a violation based on an inspection of the pertinent recorded image or video is admissible in a proceeding under this act and is evidence of the facts contained in the affidavit.

(f) The notice of violation, the recorded and reproduced images of the violation, regardless of the media on which they are recorded, accompanied by a certification of authenticity of a trained technician, and evidence of ownership of a vehicle as shown by copies or summaries of official records shall be admissible into evidence without foundation unless the municipal court finds there is an indication of untrustworthiness, in which case the town shall be given a reasonable opportunity to lay an evidentiary foundation.

(g) All other matters of evidence and procedure not specifically addressed in this act shall be subject to the rules of evidence and the rules of procedure as they apply in the small claims courts of this state, except that on any appeal to Coffee County Circuit Court for trial de novo the evidence and procedures shall be as for any civil case in the circuit court except as otherwise provided in this act.

(h) A person who is found liable for the civil violation after an adjudicative hearing or who requests an adjudicative hearing and thereafter fails to appear at the time and place of the hearing is liable for court costs and fees as set out herein in addition to the amount of the civil assessed for the violation. A person who is found liable for a civil violation after an adjudicative hearing shall pay the civil fine and costs within 10 days of the hearing.

(i) Whenever payment of a civil fine is owed to the town, the amount of the civil fine as set by ordinance may not be increased, decreased, or remitted by the municipal court, and the liability may be satisfied only by payment.

(j) It shall be an affirmative defense to the imposition of civil liability under this act, to be proven by a preponderance of the evidence, that any of the following apply:

1) The operator of the motor vehicle was acting in compliance with the lawful order or direction of a police officer.

2) The motor vehicle was being operated as an authorized emergency vehicle under state law, and the operator was acting in compliance with that section.

3) The motor vehicle was stolen or being operated by a person other than the owner of the vehicle without the effective consent of the owner.

4) The license plate depicted in the recorded image of the violation was a stolen plate and being displayed on a motor vehicle other than the motor vehicle for which the plate had been issued.

5) The person who received the notice of violation was not the owner of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation.

(k) To demonstrate that at the time of the

violation the motor vehicle was a stolen vehicle or the license plate displayed on the motor vehicle was a stolen plate, the owner must submit proof acceptable to the hearing officer that the theft of the vehicle or license plate, prior to the time of the violation, had been timely reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

(l) Notwithstanding anything in this act to the contrary, a person who fails to pay the amount of a civil fine or to contest liability in a timely manner is entitled to an adjudicative hearing on the violation if:

(1) The person files an affidavit with the hearing officer stating the date on which the person received the notice of violation that was mailed to the person, if not received by the 10th day after the notice was mailed.

(2) Within the 15 days of the date of actual receipt, the person requests an administrative adjudicative hearing.

Section 6. (a) Following an adjudicative hearing, the municipal court shall issue an order stating the following:

(1) Whether the person charged with the civil violation is liable for the violation and, if so,

(2) The amount of the civil fine assessed against the person, along with the fees and costs of court provided for in this act.

(b) The orders issued under this section may be filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, and shall operate as a judicial lien in the same manner and with the same weight and effect as any other civil judgment filed therein.

(c) A person who is found liable after an adjudicative hearing may appeal that finding of civil liability to the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, by filing a notice of appeal with the clerk of the municipal court. The notice of appeal must be filed not later than the 14th day after the date on which the municipal court judge entered the finding of civil liability. The filing of a notice of appeal shall stay the enforcement of the civil fine penalty. An appeal shall be determined by the circuit court by trial de novo.

Section 7. The circuit court hearing an appeal shall use the procedures that apply to criminal convictions in municipal court with the following qualifications:

(1) The proceedings shall retain their civil nature on appeal with the circuit court applying the preponderance of the evidence standard.

(2) If the person is adjudicated by the circuit court to be responsible for payment of the civil fine, circuit court costs shall be owed by the person adjudicated responsible, with 100 percent of those court costs retained by the circuit court. Court costs in the circuit court shall be calculated as are court costs for criminal appeals from the municipal court, and in the event the circuit court finds the person appealing not to be responsible, no municipal court costs shall be owed to the town.

(3) Regardless of the civil nature of the proceedings, the circuit court may assign case numbers as for criminal appeals and place the appeals on criminal dockets in the same manner as criminal appeals from municipal court.

(4) The circuit court shall sit as trier of both fact and law in the civil proceedings in the circuit court.

(5) The town shall be responsible for providing an attorney to represent the town and to prosecute the civil proceedings in the circuit court.

Section 8. In the event the evidence produced by an automated photographic speeding enforcement system does not produce an image of the license plate with sufficient clarity for a trained technician to determine the identity of the owner. If the identity of the owner cannot otherwise be reliably established, no notice of violation may be issued. If, however, a notice of violation is issued, to the degree constitutionally allowed, those issues related to the identity of the vehicle or its owner shall affect the weight to be accorded the evidence and shall not affect its admissibility.

Section 9. The town may provide by ordinance that a late fee not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be attached to untimely paid civil fines that are authorized in this act. No person may be arrested or incarcerated for nonpayment of a civil fine or late fee. No record of an adjudication of civil violation made under this act shall be listed, entered, or reported on any criminal record or driving record, whether the record is maintained by the town or an outside agency. An adjudication of civil violation provided for in this act shall not be considered a conviction for any purpose, shall not be used to increase or enhance punishment for any subsequent offense of a criminal nature, shall not be considered a moving violation, and shall not be used by any insurance company to determine or affect premiums or rates unless an accident occurred due to the violation. The fact that a person is held liable or responsible for a civil fine for a speeding violation shall not be used as evidence that the person was guilty of negligence or other culpable conduct, and any evidence generated by an automated photographic speeding enforcement system may only be used as evidence in other proceedings if it is or becomes admissible under the rules of evidence applicable therein.

Section 10. The town shall keep statistical data regarding the effectiveness of automated photographic speeding enforcement systems in reducing speeding violations and collisions and shall communicate the data on an annual basis to the Alabama Department of Transportation and the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center.

Section 11. No civil penalty may be imposed and no adjudication of liability for a civil violation may be made under this act if the operator of the vehicle was arrested or was issued a citation and notice to appear by a sworn police officer for a criminal violation of any portion of Article 8, Chapter 5A of Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975, or any other municipal ordinance that incorporates the statutes contained in that article, and which occurred simultaneously with and under the same set of circumstances which were recorded by the automated photographic speeding enforcement system. Section 12. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson got an unexpected lesson in flying drones last week at school and successfully piloted his drone through its intended target on every attempt. I am pretty sure he got a drone as a Christmas present a few years ago that hasn't seen much attention. So, maybe now he will get outside and the folks in Elba can be on the lookout for UFO's!

For what it is worth....

***** The Elba Lady Tigers continued their winning ways** last week with a pair of big wins in post-season action, and this week will head up to Montgomery for the third straight year with plans to make it a three-peat at the 'Final 4' in Birmingham. The Lady Tigers were expected to be a state tournament contender with three starters back from a year ago, and haven't missed a beat in running up a 17-2 record and another area championship. While Elba has a couple of shooters that can light it up from behind the arc and scores a lot of points, it is the aggressive defense that sets up many of the points with steals and lay-ups, and can shut down an opponent at any time. The road to Birmingham appears a little rockier than usual with a loaded field at the South Region, but the Elba girls have been there many times before and that experience could be the difference in a close game.

***** While the post-season was historic** for many teams in the area, it also brought with it some painful losses for teams looking to keep the basketball season alive. The biggest winner had to be the Kinston Lady Bulldogs, which survived upset-minded Brantley to advance to the South Region tournament with a school record 26-1 slate. The Lady Bulldogs needed some last-second magic to punch their tickets to Montgomery. However, the girls never backed down from the challenge and in the end proved they are indeed big winners! Brantley was on the slip slide of the heart-stopping contest and left the court in tears after watching its late-lead slip away. The girls in green and white never expect to lose, and it showed as they played one of their best games of the season. It was definitely a winning effort! Another team that saw its season end was the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. The Lady Gamecocks got on a roll late in the season and were only two quarters away from a home game in the sub-region round after building a 33-12 lead over area champion Straughn, but faltered late and lost in overtime, which sent them on the road for a date with highly-ranked Geneva, and the girls from 'Brockton got off to a slow start that they could not overcome. I'm sure the loss to Straughn took a lot out of the girls. However, they had another great season and let everyone know they will always be a team to keep an eye on. Over with the boys, the Brantley Bulldogs advanced to this week's South Region with an impressive 67-59 road win over area two champion Pleasant Home. The Bulldogs may have entered the game as underdogs on paper, but are ever really underdogs and showed again just why they are so dangerous, no matter the competition.

***** I got a chance to attend a practice one afternoon** last week for the Tigers and Lady Tigers and am convinced it will be another exciting year ahead in both baseball and softball. The day I went the baseball was short-handed due to the golf team beginning its season, but I could tell the players were ready to play and determined to get better. Over on the softball field the number of players was very limited due to basketball and cheerleading, but the girls in attendance were all working hard on individual skills and had a look of determination on their faces. Once the teams get at full strength and get in some actual game experience look for the Tigers and Lady Tigers to fight to get in the headlines each and every week.

***** In closing....** Linda Hodge is pulling double-duties and putting in a lot of long hours as the new owner of The Elba Clipper and also as the new recreation director for the City of Elba, and we both agreed that in the weeks to come we will work to give all the youngsters that are active in the recreation programs the publicity they deserve. During my twenty-eight years as the recreation director the results of the games and names of the players were always in the paper, but as the size of the recreation staff shrunk the job of keeping and finding game stats became almost impossible. I think as a small weekly newspaper we do a fantastic job publicizing high school sports, and hope with the help of the recreation staff and parents, we will soon be able to do the same with the kid's sports. Just give us time!

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Open Friday in Goshen

Tigers hard at work as season opener nears

The Elba Tigers will open the high school baseball season Friday afternoon in Goshen and head coach Jesse Luker admits he and his players are excited to get the season started.

"We have been working hard for a couple of weeks and it is time to hit the field and see where we are what we need to work on," said Coach Luker. "We will be a very young team in that we only have two seniors, but a lot of the younger players have been with us for a while and we actually do have some experience in a few areas. We expect to be solid on defense both in the infield and outfield, and the defense may have to carry us early in the season until we settle in on our pitching staff and get the bats going."

"Brady Johnson is one of our two seniors and will return as a pitcher and outfielder," added Luker, "while the other senior is Hakeem Scott, who we hope will give us some punch in the middle of the lineup. The remainder of the staff will include Jay Wilson, a junior that saw action last season in relief, as well as a sophomore in Easton McKelvy, and a pair of freshmen in Powell Bane and Dylan Holley. We aren't going to ask our pitchers to go out there and strike out the side every inning, just to throw strikes and hit their spots. Bane is also our leading hitter from last season, and at the plate we will play a lot of small ball, bunt runners over and hit behind the runners in an attempt to score runs. We think we have players that will develop into solid hitters as the season rolls along, but we will need to be disciplined at the plate



Elba Tigers work on fundamentals of taking a lead at third base under the watchful eye on Tiger head coach Jesse Luker. The Tigers will open the season Friday afternoon at Goshen.

and take advantage of what our opponents give us. We only eleven varsity players there will be lots of playing time for everyone in uniform, and that could actually pay dividends in that everyone knows they have to be ready every time we take the field."

The Tigers will compete in a new, five-team area along with Brantley, Georgiana, Red Level and McKenzie, and expects to be competitive in area play after making a run into the second round of the playoffs a year ago.

"Brantley is always one of the top teams in the state in baseball and is expected to be just as good as ever," said Luker, "while McKenzie was the runner up in the area last season and will be good again, as will Red Level and Georgiana. There are no easy wins on our schedule, especially in the area, and we know what it will take to be successful. We will

play a lot of road games early in the season and start area play a little earlier than usual, but will get to pay a lot of big games at home late in the season, and hope it will help us make a push for the playoffs."

"Our first two games of the season are against Goshen," added Luker, "and it will be a very good team that is used to winning. We will be challenged right off the bat and after the home and home series should have a pretty good idea about our team."

The Elba Tiger junior varsity will also field a young team with seven seventh-graders on the 11-man roster.

"The junior varsity will be young and will no doubt

experience some growing pains early on as it gets used to playing on a big field, but it is an overall good group of players that lobe the game and have shown at practice that they are willing to work hard and learn. Pitching is always an area of concern on the junior varsity level and will be again this season because of the length of the mound to home plate. However, we have some guys that have accepted their roles and we are looking forward to working with these guys for years to come."

Elba will open the season with a jv-varsity doubleheader on Friday, Feb. 14, beginning at 4:30, in Goshen, with Goshen scheduled to come to Elba on Feb. 20.

New season brings new area foes in baseball and softball

The Alabama High School Athletic Association recently released its realignments for the 2024-2026 school years in spring sports with the Elba Tigers making a move into Class 1A, Area 3 in both baseball and softball, while eight other teams moved up in class and eleven private schools saw spring sports teams move up in class based upon recent success in winning state titles or by making runs deep in the playoffs.

Elba, which saw been a staple in Class 1A, Area 2 since moving down from the 2A ranks 2022, will jump into the area with Brantley, Georgiana, McKenzie and Red Level. The Tigers will now battle the Bulldogs from Brantley, which have won numerous state titles in baseball and softball on an annual basis, along with consistent area-runner up Red Level, while both Georgiana and McKenzie have struggled to find success in the spring sports.

Kinston will remain in Class 1A, Area 2, along with Florala and Pleasant Home, but will find newcomer Emmanuel Christian moving into the area in the place of Elba. Eight schools will move

up in classification next season in spring sports, based upon 'Average Daily Membership' figures released last October. The numbers include students in grades nine through eleven, plus eighth grade holdbacks.

Five area schools made the jump into Class 4A – New Brockton, Ashford, Daleville, Opp and Pike County, while others making a move up included Rehobeth to 6A, Wicksburg to 3A and Houston County to 2A. The only school to drop was Slocomb, which slid down from 4A into Class 3A.

While the number of schools making changes was not staggering, there were a number of changes to area opponents in baseball and softball.

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Elba Lady Tiger JV head coach Jeff Carpenter talks with Kalleigh Russell during a break in the action at a recent practice session.

Lady Tiger JV to open season this weekend

The Elba Lady Tigers junior varsity will open their softball season this weekend when the travel to Brantley to compete in a tournament.

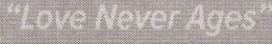
The Lady Tigers will begin play on Friday at 5:00 against Highland Home, and will return to the field Saturday with games against Brantley at 10:00 and Pike Liberal Arts at 1:00.

"I know I am ready for the season to start and I assure you the girls are too," stated Elba JV head coach Jeff Carpenter. "We have been hard at it since the first of the year, and while we have been a few players short at times due to basketball and cheerleading, the players that have been at practice

have worked hard and it is time to play a game."

"The tournament at Brantley is for players in grades seven through nine," added Carpenter, "which means we will have only nine players that make the trip. That is bad in a way because we won't have a substitute if something happens, but at the same time it is also good because all the girls know they are going to play, and we as coaches will get to move some girls around to gain experience and make sure we have everyone in the right place. I am looking forward to the tournament and urge our fans to come out and support this group. The girls have worked hard and are determined to have a winning season."

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Elba Lady Tigers bounce Brantley to claim area title

The Elba Lady Tigers used a dominating third quarter to grab the lead and never looked back last Tuesday night to post a hard fought 37-24 win over the Brantley Lady Bulldogs to win the Class 1A, Area 3 basketball tournament championship.

Elba had a hard time getting its shots to fall in the opening quarter against the Lady Bulldogs and managed only three points on a three-pointer by Ayrika Caldwell, while Brantley’s Alex Grimes scored all seven points for Brantley as the Lady Bulldogs carried a surprising 7-3 lead into the second quarter. Elba’s A’Lyric Whitfield and Nyasia McCollough began to penetrate the Brantley defense in the quarter and combined to score 10 points, but the Lady Tigers as a team hit only 3 of 7 free-throw attempts in the stanza, and Brantley, again led by Grimes, was still on top at the half as it went in with a 14-13 lead.

Elba’s Lady Stinson nailed a long three-pointer and scored eight points in the third quarter to spark a Lady Tiger rally, while Whitfield added six points as Elba used a 16-5 surge to open up a 29-19 advantage heading into the fourth quarter. Stinson added another big three-pointer in the final stanza and the Lady Tiger defense held Brantley to only one field goal as they pulled away to win the tournament title 37-24.

A’Lyric Whitfield scored 12 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Lady Stinson 11, Nyasia McCollough 11, and Ayrika Caldwell 3. Alex Grimes scored 11 points to lead Brantley, while also scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Dezirae Stevens 5, Coco Stamps 4 and Myia Mount 1.



Lady Tigers head back to South Region

BACK TO BACK TO BACK

The sixth-ranked Elba Lady Tigers improved their record to 17-2 and punched their ticket to the South Region for the third straight season with a dominating 64-17 home court win over the Pleasant Home Lady Eagles, Friday night in sub-region action.

A’Lyric Whitfield drained an early three-pointer and scored the game’s first seven points to help Elba build a 9-0 lead, while Ayrika Caldwell and Lady Stinson also connected from behind the arc as the Lady Tigers extended their lead to 19-4 with 2:35 remaining in the opening stanza. The Lady Eagles scored the first basket of the second quarter. However, Stinson and Whitfield scored four points, apiece, during a two-minute span as Elba moved on top 27-6 midway through the quarter and carried a big 35-11 lead in at the half.

Pleasant Home was first to score in the third quarter, but Elba responded with an 8-0 run to up its lead to 43-13, and

after missing all eight free-throw attempts in the first half connected on nine of twelve shots from the foul line in the third quarter to open up a commanding 54-15 advantage. A’Lyric Whitfield and Ana Caldwell sparked an early 6-0 run in the fourth quarter that pushed the Elba lead to 60-15 with 6:32 left on the clock, and while the Lady Tigers starters headed to the bench after two fee-throws by Caldwell, DeeDee Lockett and Jabria Burks never missed a beat as they helped seal the deal on the 64-17 sub-region win.

A’Lyric Whitfield scored 23 points and Ana Caldwell added 12 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers was Lady Stinson 9, Ayrika Caldwell 7, Nyasia McCollough 6, Jabria Burks 4, DeeDee Lockett 2 and Malaysia Williams 1. Emma Anderson scored seven points to lead the Lady Eagles.

SCHEDULES

Thursday, Feb. 13

(BASEBALL)

Kinston JV at Zion Chapel (DH) 4:30

Pike Lib at New Brockton JV (DH) 4:30

New Brockton Jr. at Enterprise (DH) 4:30

(SOFTBALL)

Geneva at New Brockton JV (DH) 4:30

Houston Academy at Zion Chapel V 5:00

Friday, Feb. 14

(BASEBALL)

Elba JV at Goshen 4:30

Elba V at Goshen 6:30

(SOFTBALL)

Brantley JV Tournament, at Brantley High

Elba JV vs. Highland Home 5:00

Ozark Tournament, at Westgate Park

Kinston JV vs. G.W. Long 5:15

Kinston JV vs. Geneva County 7:45

Dothan Tournament, at Dothan H.S.

New Brockton JV vs. Enterprise 4:30

New Brockton JV vs. Wicksburg 7:30

Saturday, Feb. 15

(BASEBALL)

Zion Chapel V at Carroll 1:00 Eagle Stadium

(SOFTBALL)

Brantley JV Tournament, at Brantley High

Elba vs. Brantley 10:00

Elba vs. Pike Lib 1:00

Ozark Tournament, at Westgate Park

Kinston JV, TBA

Dothan Tournament, at Dothan H.S.

New Brockton JV vs. Rehobeth 11:00

New Brockton JV vs. Ashford 5:00

Monday, Feb. 17

(BASEBALL)

Geneva County at Kinston V 4:30

Tournament, at Brewton

Zion Chapel V vs. T.R. Miller 1:30

Zion Chapel vs. Headland 4:00

Luverne at New Brockton V 10:30

Carroll at New Brockton V 3:30

(SOFTBALL)

Tournament, at Dale County

Zion Chapel vs. Dale County 10:30

Zion Chapel V vs. Providence Ch. 4:30

Zion Chapel V vs. Ashford 7:30

Tuesday, Feb. 18

(BASEBALL)

Elba JV at Red Level (DH) 4:30

Wicksburg at Kinston JV (DH) 4:30

Bullock County at New Brockton V 4:00

New Brockton Jr. at Opp (DH) 4:30

(SOFTBALL)

Kinston JV at Slocomb 4:30

Kinston V at Slocomb 6:00

Zion Chapel JV at Wicksburg 5:00

Zion Chapel V at Wicksburg 6:00

New Brockton JV at Geneva County (DH) 4:30

(SOCCER)

Carroll at New Brockton (G) 5:30

(GOLF)

Brantley at Pike Liberal Arts

Thursday, Feb. 20

(BASEBALL)

Goshen at Elba JV 4:30

Goshen at Elba V 6:30

New Brockton Jr. at Samson 5:00

Ariton at Zion Chapel V 4:30

(SOFTBALL)

Elba JV at Zion Chapel (DH) 4:30

Pike Lib at Kinston JV 4:30

Pike Lib at Kinston V 6:00

(SOCCER)

Eufaula at New Brockton (G) 5:30

Pike County at New Brockton (B) 7:00

TOURNAMENT TRAIL

The ‘Tournament Trail’ in high school basketball led to area and sub-region action last week and after the scoreboards were finally turned off for another season the Kinston Lady Bulldogs and Brantley Bulldogs had punched their tickets to this week’s ‘South Region’ tournament, in Montgomery.

Following is a recap of last week’s treks along the trail:

BOYS:

CLASS 4A, AREA 4

STRAUGHN 51 NEW BROCKTON 49 – The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their season end with a hard fought 51-49 Class 4A, Area 4 tournament loss to Straughn.

CLASS 1A, AREA 3



BRANTLEY BULLDOGS

BRANTLEY 66 MCKENZIE 53 – The Brantley Bulldogs advanced to the area finals with a 66-53 semifinal win over the McKenzie Tigers, at the Class 1A, Area 3 tournament, in Georgiana.

GEORGIANA 94 BRANTLEY 53 – The Brantley Bulldogs were forced to settle for second in the Class 1A, Area 3 tournament with a 94-53 tourney finals loss to the Georgiana Panthers.

BRANTLEY 67 PLEASANT HOME 59 – The Brantley Bulldogs pulled away from a 35-35 halftime deadlock Saturday night to defeat the area two champion Pleasant Home Eagles 67-59 to advance to this week’s South Region, in Montgomery.

GIRLS:

CLASS 1A, AREA 2



KINSTON LADY BULLDOGS

KINSTON 71 PLEASANT HOME 20 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs claimed the Class 1A, Area 2 tournament title with a dominating 71-20 romp past Pleasant Home. Allyx Williamson scored 33 points to lead the fourth-ranked Lady Bulldogs, while Lauren Norris added 12 points and Maggie Martin scored nine as Kinston upped its record to 25-1.

KINSTON 53 BRANTLEY 52 – The fourth-ranked Kinston Lady Bulldogs improved their record to 26-1 Friday night with a heart-stopping 53-52 win over the Brantley Lady Bulldogs. Brantley owned a four-point lead midway through the fourth quarter and was on top 52-49 in the closing minute, but Kinston forced two turnovers and scored the winning basket with six seconds left on the clock when Maddie Williamson picked up a loose ball under the goal and banked in a shot over a Brantley

defender. Lauren Norris scored 16 points and connected on four three-pointers to lead Kinston, while Maggie Martin added 13 points and hit three shots from behind the arc. Coco Stamps led Brantley with 16 points, five rebounds, five assists and five steals, while Alex Grimes scored 15 points and Myia Mount added 10 points and 15 rebounds.

CLASS 4A, AREA 4

STRAUGHN 51 NEW BROCKTON 42 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw a 21-point third quarter lead evaporate in a disappointing 51-42 overtime loss to the Straughn Lady Tigers, in the finals of the Class 4A, Area 4 basketball tournament. Casey Williams hit her sixth three-pointer of the game early in the third quarter to put the Lady Gamecocks on top 33-12, but saw Straughn close to within 38-28 by the end of the quarter and then pull even at 41-41 with 10-seconds left in regulation. Straughn scored the first four points of the extra period and then pulled away to shock New Brockton. Casey Williams scored 23 points and Kiani Schmitz added 13 to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Annlee Wise scored 23 points and Blakeley Smith added 21 to lead Straughn.

GENEVA 60 NEW BROCKTON 13 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind 19-0 early and never recovered Friday night in a 60-13 sub-region road loss to the ninth-ranked Geneva Lady Panthers. New Brockton trailed 19-0 before Casey Williams put New Brockton on the scoreboard with two-minutes left in the first quarter, but Geneva extended its lead to 33-5 early in the second quarter and carried a 37-11 advantage in at the half. The Lady Gamecocks scored only two points in the second half as their season ended with the lopsided loss. Casey Williams scored six points to lead New Brockton, while Erika Torres scored 15 points and Kaden Ward added 11 for Geneva.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: Fred Wayne Hataway, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC-2025-006

NOTICE

Letters of Testamentary on the estate of said deceased, Fred Wayne Hataway, having been granted to Wendy Dawn Hataway on the 4th day of February 2025, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
 Done this the 4th day of February, 2025,
 /s/ Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
 Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
 Probate Judge
 Coffee County, Alabama
 2/13, 20 & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF: Marsha Selma Rosenburg Levine, Incapacitated Person/ Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC-2023-065.

NOTICE

On the 5th day of February, 2025, Janice Bell, as conservator for Marsha Selma Rosenburg Levine, filed her sworn petition and accounting in this Court seeking a final settlement of her duties and handling of the estate of Marsha Selma Rosenburg Levine.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that all persons or creditors having an interest in said conservatorship estate shall appear in the Coffee County Probate Office, Elba Division, on the 18th day of March, 2025, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., said date and time being set for hearing the Conservator's petition for an interim settlement.
 Done this the 6th day of February, 2025,
 /s/ Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
 Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
 Probate Judge
 Coffee County, Alabama
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA
In the Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama
CA No. CV-2025-900011

Buckie N Grantham, Jr.
 Plaintiff,
 Vs.
 Lots 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153
 8th Addition, Lakeside Estates, Plat 1, Page 94
 Sara Sellner Western, Willie Ed Williams,
 and any other interested parties,
 Defendants

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Sara Sellner Western, Willie Ed Williams and any and all unknown parties who may have interest in the above property an whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Buckie N Grantham, Jr.'s Petition to Quiet Title and other relief by April 7th, 2025, or, thereafter, a judgment and default may be rendered against them in Case Number CA No. CV-2025-900011 of the Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama, DONE this 28th day of January, 2025.
 /s/ Ashley A. Powell
 Clerk of the Court

Alfred J. Danner
 Attorney for Plaintiff
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 Geneva, Alabama 36340
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: The estate of Ralph C. Mullins, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-013

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR
 Letters of Administration on the Estate of Ralph C. Mullins, deceased, having been granted to Verdell Mullins, Administrator,

on 5th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court, Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Verdell Mullins
 Verdell Mullins
 Petitioner

Preston Register, Attorney
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 Dothan, Alabama 36305
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 2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION
IN RE: The estate of Foy Cobb, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-005

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
 Letters Testamentary of Foy Cobb, deceased, having been granted to Gwendolyn C. Sable Personal Representative, on the 5th day of February, 2025, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
 Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
 Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
 Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney
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 2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
In the Matter of the Estate of PETER ROMANYK, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-019

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
 Letter of Administration for the Estate of Peter Romanyk having been granted to Derek Alan Romanyk, Personal Representative, on the 6th day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
 Done this the 6th day of February, 2025.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
 Jodee R. Thompson,
 Probate Judge
 2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of Priscilla O. Stacy aka Frances Priscilla Stacy, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-018

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
 Letter of Administration cum testamento annexo of said deceased having been granted to Anna K. Bullington a/k/a Anna Kathleen Hall, Administrator cum testamento annexo, on the 6th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
 Done this the 6th day of February, 2025.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
 Jodee R. Thompson,
 Probate Judge
 2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION
IN RE: The Estate of Brenda Thomas Roberts, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-215

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 TAKE NOTICE that Letters

Testamentary were granted the 6th day of February, 2025, to Leon Merrill Shirley as Administrator of the Estate of Brenda Thomas Roberts, deceased, who departed this life on the 15th day of October, 2024, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ William Ted Roberts
 William Ted Roberts
 Administrator of the Estate of Brenda Thomas Roberts,
 Deceased
 2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: FANUEL CHAGEZA, DECEASED,
Case No.: PR-2024-194

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Fanuel Chageza, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.

/s/ Diana Maragleen Mhuriro
 Diana Maragleen Mhuriro
 Personal Representative
 2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNA BARNES, DECEASED
Case No. 25-0016

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to John Bodiford, Personal Representative, on the 6th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

John Bodiford
 Personal Representative

Benjamin S. Armstrong
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 200 Grove Park Lane, Suite 670
 Dothan, Alabama 36305
 2/13, 20 & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Gerald Thomas, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-017

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Kelsey Thomas, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gerald Thomas, deceased, on the 5th day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
 Judge of Probate
 2/13, 20 & 27-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE THE ESTATE OF: Charles Samuel Williams, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-011

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
 Letters of Administration of the said Deceased having been granted to Raley L. Wiggins on the 5th

day of February, 2025, by Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Raley L. Wiggins
 Capell & Howard, PC
 150 South Perry Street
 Montgomery, AL 36104
 2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD D. BARNES, SR., DECEASED
Case No.: 25-0015

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to John Bodiford, Personal Representative, on the 6th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

John Bodiford
 Personal Representative

Benjamin S. Armstrong
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 2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF EUNICE HODGES SNELL, Deceased.
Case No.: 25-0010

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 Letters Testamentary were granted to Bettie Snell Bush on the 5th day of February, 2025. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Bettie Snell Bush
 Personal Presentative

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 2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WENDELL WINSTON BAKER DECEASED,

Carolyn Ann Jones Baker,
 Petitioner.
 Case No.: 2024-840

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
 Letters of Administration on the Estate of Wendell Winston Baker, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 5th day of February, 2025, by the Judge Of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
 Respectfully Submitted on this the 5th day of February, 2025.

/s/ Carolyn Ann Jones Baker
 Administratrix of said Estate.

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 2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIE MARTIN, DECEASED,

ROBERT EUGENE MARTIN AND DONALD EMMITT MARTIN, PETITIONERS.
 Case No.: 25-0017

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Marie Martin, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 6th day of February, 2025, by the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
 Respectfully Submitted on this the 6th day of February, 2025.

/s/ Robert Eugene Martin and Donald Emmitt Martin
 Co-Personal Representative of said Estate.

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 2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HENRY A. MARTIN, DECEASED,

ROBERT EUGENE MARTIN AND DONALD EMMITT MARTIN, PETITIONERS
 Case No.: 25-0018

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Henry A. Martin, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 6th day of February, 2025, by the Judge of Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
 Respectfully Submitted on this the 6th of February, 2025.

/s/ Robert Eugene Martin and Donald Emmitt Martin
 Co-Personal Representative of said Estate.

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 2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: MARY ANN HATCHER, Deceased.
Case No.: 25-0014

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary were granted to John Paul Hatcher on the 5th day of February, 2025. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

John Paul Hatcher
 Personal Presentative

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 2/13, 20, & 27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLAY MCHUGH KING, DECEASED,

KATHERINE KING ASHCROFT f/k/a, KATHERINE FRANCES KING PETITIONER
 Case No.: 2025-0013

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Clay McHugh King, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 5th day of February, 2025, by Toby L. Seay, the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Katherine King Ashcroft f/k/a Katherine Frances King
 Katherine King Ashcroft f/k/a Katherine Frances King,
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